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TITLE 106 - NEBRASKA STATE ENERGY OFFICE

CODE 001 - General Provisions

001.01 History. In 1981, the Nebraska Legislature established the School Weatherization Fund and authorized the State Energy Office to make grants to School Districts for the purpose of weatherizing their buildings. The original bill, LB 257, was modified in 1982 by LB 799 and in 1983 by LB 124 making minor corrections in the functioning of the program.

In 1984, LB 936 authorized the State Energy Office to make grants to schools of up to \$2,500 for technical analysis studies which would identify cost-effective energy improvements. The most substantial change in the program came in 1985 when, through LB 126, the Legislature converted the original grant program into a 0% interest revolving loan program for energy efficiency projects. Funding for technical analysis studies remained grants. In 1989, LB 727 clarified administrative costs, set up a fund for those costs and required a report be made to the Legislature. In 1993, LB 479 expanded the program to allow for the purchase or conversion of school vehicles to operate on an alternate fuel, installation of fueling facilities, loans for studies and a change in the loan payback requirements.

001.02 Purpose and Intent. These rules and regulations are intended to implement and carry out the provisions of sections 81-1632 through 81-1634 of the Nebraska Reissue Revised Statutes, to provide for the orderly and equitable disbursement of grant and loan funds among School Districts of the State, and to prevent and/or remedy abuse of the program. The Nebraska State Energy Office will administer this program in a manner most advantageous to the School Districts of the state.

001.03 Organization of Rules. These rules and regulations are a combination of the previous Title 106 - Nebraska School Weatherization Program, Title 108 - Nebraska Energy Efficiency School Loan Program, and new rules concerning changes made in the enabling legislation Nebraska R.R.S. 81-1632 through 81-1634.